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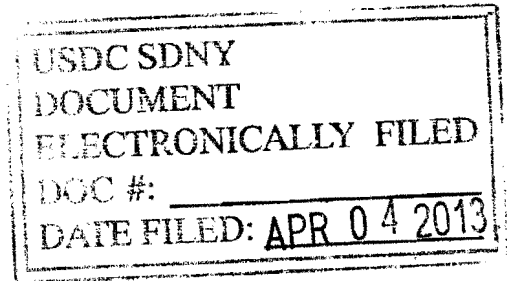
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Ermini v. Vittori,
No. 12 Civ. 6100 (LTS)

Dear Ms. Cassano:

Thank you for your letter of April 1, 2013, concerning the pace of proceedings in the above matter.

The petitioner did not make any application to expedite proceedings when the case was commenced in August 2012. After various extension and adjournment requests from the parties, the initial conference was held in early December 2012. An expedited discovery and trial preparation schedule was set at that time. The three-day trial was held in late January 2013 and the parties' post-trial submissions were completed in late February 2013. There is a pending order to the parties to show cause as to why the Court should not take judicial notice of certain provisions of Italian law. The Court will render its decision expeditiously.

Sincerely yours,

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